

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for archiving and retrieval of medical documents comprising:

an electronic device for accessing a database through a system server;

a software application loaded on at least one of said electronic device and said

5 system server for providing a user interface, wherein said user interface includes a tree view file navigation; and

an Internet browser loaded on at least one of said electronic device and said system server for the transmission of at least one medical document file;

10 wherein said system server retrieves medical document files on said database and transmits said medical document files to said electronic device for display on said user interface.

15 2. The system of claim 1, wherein said software application is a CD installed and internet maintained application for a single computer.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein said software application is a CD installed and internet maintained application for a network of computers.

20 4. The system of claim 1, wherein said software application is an Application Service Provider application for a single computer.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein said software application is an Application Service Provider application for a network of computers.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a personal computer.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a personal digital assistant.

5 8. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a wireless phone.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a beeper.

10. A method of archiving and retrieving medical documents comprising the steps of:

10 establishing a client computer to a system computer communication link;
selecting a medical document file from within a user interface provided as part of a

software application;

determining which of said medical document files are stored on said client computer
and which are stored on said system computer;

15 accessing said medical document file from said system computer;

transmitting said accessed medical document file to said client computer; and

displaying said medical document file on said user interface.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of selecting said medical
20 document file using a tree view navigation through said user interface.

12. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of establishing a
communication link over the World Wide Web.

13. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of accessing said medical document file for a patient's informed consent of medical treatment.

5 14. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of printing said medical document file in a standard medical document format.

15. A system for archiving and retrieval of medical documents comprising:
an electronic device for accessing a database through a system server;
10 a software application for providing a user interface; and
an Internet for the transmission of at least one medical document file;
wherein said system server retrieves medical document files on said database and transmits said medical document files to said electronic device for display on said user interface.

15 16. The system of claim 15, wherein said software application is loaded on at least one of said system server and said electronic device.

20 17. The system of claim 15, wherein said Internet browser is loaded on at least one of said system server and said electronic device.

18. A method of providing informed consent for medical procedures via computer to computer communication comprising the steps of:

establishing a client computer to a system computer communication link;

selecting a medical document file from within a user interface provided as part of a software application, wherein said medicinal document file comprises a medical procedure informed consent document;

5 accessing said medical document file from at least one of said client computer or said system computer;

transmitting said accessed medical document file to said client computer;

displaying said medical document file on said user interface, whereby a patient can review said medical procedure informed consent document; and

10 archiving said patient review and acceptance of a medical treatment described in said medical procedure informed consent document.